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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **WARRANT SWEEP-PARENTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY** *City Attorney's Office prosecuting parents for student truancy*

**WHAT:** Warrants have been issued for the arrests of two dozen parents who disobeyed a court order. They failed to appear before the court concerning their children's poor school attendance. Cal Logan, San Diego Deputy City Attorney will be available to speak to the news media about the significance of the SARB warrant sweep.

**WHEN:** Thursday June 7, 10am-noon

**WHERE:** San Diego Police Department Southeastern Substation  
7222 Skyline Drive  
After parents are arrested, they will be brought to the Substation.

**WHY:** The California Education Code requires parents or persons in control of school age children (6-18 years of age) to send those children to school. Failure to follow the provisions of the Compulsory Education Code may result in penalties against the adult.

The impetus behind this sweep is to inform the public that the City Attorney's Office and the Police Department take the issue of education and truancy very seriously. Those who disregard attendance requirements and court imposed orders will face consequences.

Criminal charges in court are a last resort. Before these parents were cited by the judicial system, numerous warnings and interventions were made by San Diego City Schools and the School Attendance Review Board. The goal of the SDCS and SARB is to assist the families to ensure their children's attendance at school. If those measures are not successful, then the parents are cited and brought into court.

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